(a) whether it is a fact that a deadly viral disease has hit poultry farms all over the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the worst affected area is the NAMAKAL-WARANGAL-HYDERABAD belt in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether Government propose to assist the poultry farmers in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, in what form?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir, but the Namakal area is in Tamil Nadu and the Warangal area is in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Gumbro Disease in Poultry Farms in Andhra Pradesh

2261. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sent a two member team to visit Andhra Pradesh where 'Gumbro' disease is prevalent in poultry farms;

(b) if so, the details of the visit of the team;

(c) the areas they visited; and

(d) the recommendations made by the team to combat this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The investigating team along with State Officials visited the effected sites in Hyderabad on 15-6-93. Clinical cases were examined. The situation was looked into critically. The post-mortem examinations were carried out. The lesions were suggestive of mixed infection of Ranikhet and Gumbro Diseases. The necessary materials were collected and sent for laboratory examination.

(c) Hyderabad area.

(d) Long term and short term recommendations were made by the team in order to combat the disease situation in the area which are as follows:—

Short term:

1. To publish a detailed monograph highlighting the details of the dsease with vaccination schedule and future suggestion.

2. A wide publicity through Rudio and T. V. has made to enable the farmers to understand the disease problem. Local Television programme would be developed for telecast under regional programmes.

3. The reporting system has been intensified and should be telecast through tdevision and control measures will be adopted in order to prevent further losses from the disease.

4. A quick and precise diagnostic measures have been recommended to control the disease.

Long term:

1. A quick control of Veterinary biologicals and drugs is necessary to provide uniform health cover to poultry.

2. All the hatcheries owned by public and private sector should adopt a uniform vaccination pattern and adequate health cover to DOC should be provided so as to provide a better transfer maternal antibodies.

3. In order to prevent a wide spread and dissemination of the disease it is necessary to license the poultry farms so that strict zoo sanitary mesures can be implemented in cases of outbreak of infectious diseases.

4. Proper vaccination with suitable vaccines are to be done by the State authorities. Farmers should be educated in knowing the measures to be adopted for control of such diseases along with segregation and the disposal of the carcass. A uniform minimum vaccination schedule is necessary to be implemented for proper vaccination to the poultry.

5. Disease reporting system of the State should be improved in order to get information of such diseases well in time so that control measures could be adopted accordingly.

Development of Horticulture in Andhra Pradesh

2262. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make any special efforts to develop horticulture in the areas of Andhra Pradesh climatically suited for fruit growing;

(b) whether it is a fact that fruits like grapes, custard apples and a wide variety have great